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TAGS: PFOR, PORG, APER

SUBJECT: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

REF: STATE 148782

1. MALAWI IS ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THE UN, AS NOTED IN REFTEL, IS THE MAIN VEHICLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM. THIS PARTICIPATION IS NOT PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC OR INTERESTED BECAUSE THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A VERY INSULAR, INWARD-LOOKING COUNTRY, FOR WHOM MANY OF THE BIG ISSUES SEEM, AND SOMETIMES ARE, OF MARGINAL CONCERN. NEVERTHELESS, MALAWI USUALLY VOTES THE WAY WE DO AND OUR EFFORTS HERE ARE LARGELY TO TRY TO INFLUENCE THEM TO CONTINUE THIS COURSE.

2. I HAVE NOTED A DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT IN THE PAST TWO YEARS WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENTAL HELP AND SUPPORT RE UN ISSUES. WE HAVE RECEIVED TIMELY GUIDANCE AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO THE GOM AND SEEK ITS SUPPORT WELL IN ADVANCE OF VOTING DATES. ALSO, WE HAVE BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF MALAWI'S ACTIONS SOMETHING WHICH OFTENTIMES DID NOT HAPPEN IN THE PAST.

3. THE OFFICIALS HERE WITH WHOM WE MUST DISCUSS MULTICONFIDENTIAL

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LATERAL ISSUES ARE FEW IN NUMBER AND OFTEN NEITHER WELL INFORMED NOR HAVE THE TIME OR INTEREST TO BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE IN DEPTH ABOUT SUCH SUBJECTS, SAY, AS LAW OF THE SEA. FOR MANY OF THESE COMPLEX ISSUES, SHORTER INSTRUCTIONS AND BACKGROUND REPORTS MAKING THE KEY POINTS WE NEED TO HAVE WITHOUT SO MUCH DETAIL WOULD BE MORE READABLE AND USEFUL. HOWEVER, I

REALIZE THAT IT IS SOMETIMES EASIER AND FASTER TO
PROVIDE MORE THAN WE NEED THAN IT IS TO SORT OUT THE
SALIENT POINTS. WE HERE, OF COURSE, CAN AND DO
TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY WHEN NECESSARY BUT WOULD
HOPE THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS AREA CAN BE MADE. WOULD
ALSO SAVE ON COMMUNICATIONS TIME AND EXPENSES. STEVENSON

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